Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

The summer months are upon us. The kids are out of school, picnics are planned, vacations are enjoyed. On our church calendar we have events such as camps, daily vacation bible school, summer communion, Sunday school picnic and worship. I want to use this letter to suggest another activity….reading.

We are privileged to live at a time when good Christian books are abundant. We grow in our faith by discovering new ideas or gaining new insights into God's Word and then learning how to make the new ideas relevant to our lives. The Christian books available today gives us new insights and also gives us ideas on making God's Word part of our lives.

As I sit in my study, I look over my library and see books that have tremendously inspired and/or taught me. I want to recommend some of these books to you:

Basic Christianity by John Stott. This book better than any other I've read, puts the essential basics of faith into an understandable language.

How To Give Away Your Faith by Paul Little. A book which guides in sharing our faith with others.

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by Phillip Keller. A great study of this favorite Psalm applies to our lives.

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis. A fun book that teaches the struggle between good and evil in each of us.

The Marriage Builder by Larry Crabb. The book teaches us how to have a Christ centered life and marriage.

The list could go on and on. If you would like to borrow these books or any other books from my library, please feel free to borrow them. I only ask that you let me know you have the book so I can keep track of my books. Also, our church library has many great books, including the first two books above.

Have a fun summer! Have a faith growing summer!

In Christ,

Doug Runyan

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Birthdays in July

7/02 – Linda Canami
7/04 – Brandon Harris
7/04 – Ethan Harris
7/05 – Mary Beckman
7/05 – Tim Pogozelec
7/06 – Tracy Duffy
7/07 – Nathan Book
7/08 – Amber Morse
7/09 – Scott Phillips
7/11 – Jane Eppinger
7/12 – Gary Greene
7/17 – Gail Phillips
7/18 – Sharon Book
7/18 – Barb Carr
7/18 – Maverick Whiting
7/19 – Isaac Duffy
7/19 – Jess Halt
7/21 – Alyson Boyer
7/21 – Aryn Boyer
7/26 – Diane Bell
7/26 – Natalie Carr
7/27 – Billyray Moore
7/27 – Jacob Moore
7/27 – Nicholas Moore
7/27 – Samuel Moore
7/27 – Richard Pence
7/27 – Art Spence
7/29 – Sheala McCarthy

Birthdays in August

8/04 – Pete Carlisle
8/05 – Ted Chrobak
8/05 – Dave Hunt
8/05 – Mary Stoughton
8/07 – Erma Gorley
8/08 – Emma Duffy
8/08 – Paden McCarthy
8/10 – Gisela Dieter
8/13 – Tammy Anderson
8/13 – Terri Emery
8/13 – Melvin Kauffman
8/14 – Ciarra McAllen
8/15 – Robert Bretz Sr.
8/15 – Ursula Pence
8/16 – Sandy Courson
8/16 – Shirley Goist
8/16 – Mary Hartzell
8/19 – Renee Persky
8/21 – Meadow Whiting
8/22 – Dot Jones
8/25 – Mitchell Whiting
8/26 – Kelly Fox
8/27 – Jacob Smith
8/31 – James Matthews

Birthdays in September

9/03 – Juanita Cornman
9/03 – Bobby Liddell
9/04 – Aaron Ealy
9/04 – Autumn Ealy
9/10 – Nancy Cummings
9/13 – Rosalie Black
9/13 – Brad Marshall
9/14 – Doug Runyan
9/15 – James Buxton
9/15 – Ted Hilliard
9/16 – Larry Pence
9/17 – Carol Madden
9/18 – Erin Teachy
9/22 – Madison Liddell
9/28 – Lori Jones
9/29 – Wes Jones
9/29 – Helen Ruby





Please remember in prayer the following persons who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have requested prayer.

Nancy Templeton----------Overlook Medical Clinic
Dot Jones----------Avalon Nursing Home
Pearl Reed----------Overlook Nursing Home
Carl Black----------Clen-Moore Place (Greer House)
Gladys Barnhart----------Home
Jo Ruby----------Home
Art Spence----------Home

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Betty and the family and friends of Jeff Jones. Jeff rain into the arms of Jesus on June 17th. Jeff and Betty were on route home from their trip to Hawaii. Jeff will be greatly missed by all involved with the Awana program.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

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Attention all musicians……



We are in need of Special Music performers for the Traditional Worship service during the summer months! Whether you sing or play an instrument…..you are needed! Anyone who may be interested in performing, please contact Amy Geisinger to schedule!

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for joy before the LORD the King." **Psalm 98:4-6**

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Summer Circle Meetings

Deborah: *JULY & AUGUST* – No meetings

Lydia: *JULY* – Regular meeting at church, July 17th at 1pm.
***AUGUST* – No meeting**

Rebecca: *JULY* – No meeting
***AUGUST* – regular meeting on Saturday, August 18th at 9:00am at Bedford Trls.**

Ruth: *JULY & AUGUST* – Circle leaders will be in touch.

Elizabeth: *JULY* – regular meeting on Thursday, July 19th at 6:30pm
***AUGUST* – regular meeting on Thursday, August 16th at 6:30pm**

LOOKING AHEAD……

- **Women's Association meeting on Saturday, September 8th at 9:00am**



SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

July is here! I feel like this summer is flying by! This month on July 6th the youth will be going on their annual trip to Kennywood! Please remember to wear your tie-dyed afO t-shirt and to bring money for dinner. Lunch is on the church! You can choose to buy lunch in the park if you'd like, but please let me know by June 29th if you are attending the trip/eating lunch provided by the church. Tickets are $21 (this includes park tax), and I'd bring around $15 for dinner. Quick side note; everyone will be buying and eating dinner within the park. You are not permitted to go across the street to buy lunch or dinner at that McDonald's! It gives me peace of mind knowing that all my kids are within the park and I don't have to worry about who is where. Thank you for abiding by this rule!

The following day on July 7th is a car wash at Pizza Joes in Union township in efforts to raise money towards Alive. Please meet there at 9:30am if you are helping with washing cars. Even if you are not going on the Alive trip, you can help raise money for the youth who are! The wash will go from 10am until 1pm. Please come out and support the youth!

It's hard to believe it's already that time, but the youth are preparing for their annual summer trip to the Alive Festival! Alive is held at Atwood Lake, Mineral City, OH from July 20-23. There will be an informational meeting the Alive trip on Sunday, July 8, after the second worship service. We will meet in the parlor where you can pick up your itinerary for the trip, a 'what to pack' list, update your emergency contact form, and have a chance to meet the chaperones going on the trip! For the day of Alive, meet at the church at 3pm on Friday, July 20, bags packed and ready to go! We will be returning to the church around noon on Monday, July 23. Just a reminder to parents that Atwood has terrible cell reception, so texting and calling is a nuisance. Also, the youth will be unplugging for the entirety of the Alive trip (just like we did for the winter retreat), so please back me up with enforcing this policy to your kids! It's so easy to get caught up in documenting the moment rather than living in the moment, and I want the youth to be present in body AND mind for the trip, so no cell phones are permitted unless you are a chaperone.

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<u>WEEKLY BULLETIN</u> – Please have all bulletin information and/or announcements submitted no later than NOON on Wednesday mornings to be printed in that Sundays bulletin (unless otherwise stated in that weeks bulletin).

<u>MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS</u> – Please have all newsletter articles and/or information/announcements submitted no later than the 25TH of every month to be included in the following months newsletter (unless otherwise stated).

****All bulletin and newsletter submissions can be sent to newbedfordchurch@verizon.net or addietwinstrips@gmail.com or left on Addie's desk.**

****The next newsletter to be published will be for September. <u>*Due date is August 20th*</u>.**

****If you have any questions or concerns please call the church office. Thank You 😊**

FIND YOUR FIRE

Mothers of Preschoolers
2018-19 Schedule

All Meetings 9:30-11:00 A.M. at the New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church

September 12 Find Your Fire

Finding your fire is about fanning the flame inside and paying attention to what lights you up. We will explore some ways we can live expectantly, surrender daringly, and breathe deeply.

September 26 Tech-Wise Family

Becoming a Tech Wise family is not about parenting by limits but is about parenting with what you most desire for yourselves and your children in mind. We must think intentionally about how we want our children to learn about themselves, God, and their world. What devices in our homes are reshaping our families, and how can we use them better?

October 10 The Giving Plate -- Thanksgiving-Themed Craft

October 24 Burn It Down

Mothers of Preschoolers are in this together. We need God and each other, and the overwhelming days will not have the last word! Embracing the phrase "burn it down" means that we don't have to be afraid of being ourselves anymore. It may be time to let go of what's holding us back from nurturing our God-given identity.

November 14 Gratitude Challenge

Worry is an absence of something, while gratitude is the presence of something. If you worry, you give up being happy. We will take the Three Good Things Gratitude Challenge and embrace the phrase "don't worry, be happy"!

November 28 Fire Starter – Christmas-Themed Craft

December 12 The Nativity

Have you had Christmases that left you waiting for a more peaceful, joyful season than the one you were living? We will re-examine the Nativity story in a way that inspires us to face this season with courage and joy, knowing that Jesus didn't choose to love us from a distance.

January 9 Neighbor's Table

Lives are transformed when people gather around a table and share their stories. Community is powerful. What does going and being who God has meant you to be include for you?

January 23 Reclaiming Home

We will investigate the options for building our family homes in ways that encourage love, acceptance, communication, play, and presence.

February 13 ***Love Lives Here***

Moms are torchbearers for the next generation so we must focus on what matters most – the state of our heart rather than the state of our home.

February 27 ***Raising Compassionate Kids***

Peacemaking is a primary way to see changes in our families, neighborhoods, cities, and world. Everyone is precious, and if we want compassionate families, we must start by being compassionate ourselves. We must tell better stories and show up kindly in the lives of others.

March 13 ***Cross & Three Strands – Easter-Themed Craft***

March 27 ***Facing Adversity***

Adversity and suffering can cause us to give up our quest for control and perfection. We can hold boldly to faith and hope so that we can turn hardship into our fuel.

April 10 ***Mystery Craft TBD by Member Vote!***

April 24 ***Loving the Life You Didn't Choose***

What happens when we give up on the picture-perfect dream of motherhood? We will explore five daily practices that can help us love our unexpected lives.

May 8 ***Mothering Right When Our Kids Do Wrong***

Our children will make childish mistakes and choices. They will do things that are wrong, but we have the opportunity to do the right thing. Together we will think about what triggers our anger and consider a better way to parent with calm, loving consistency.

May 22 ***Sisterhood***

How can we fill our table with women who can speak into our lives? We will explore the true value of having grown-woman friends.

HELP NEEDED!

In order to provide this ministry to mothers of preschoolers in our area, we are in need of volunteers to help with childcare during the meetings. You do NOT have to work every meeting, but any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Erika Taylor for more information at 724-674-1840 or emtaylor1978@aol.com.

Never let the fire go out ... When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.

- Romans 12:11-13 (NIrV 1998)

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VBS Helper Meeting

Tues, July 10th at 6:00 will be a meeting in the parlor for all VBS helpers.

VBS Decorating Days

Monday, July 9th and Wednesday, July 11th beginning at 10 AM help is needed for decorating and preparing for VBS. If you are available to help it would be greatly appreciated. Come anytime from 10-3.

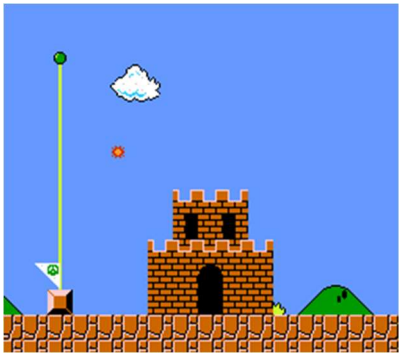
SUPER MARIO
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 15-19, 2018

5:15-5:45 Dinner 5:45-8:00 VBS

All children entering K - Grade 6 are invited to attend!

REGISTER TODAY!!!!



Children At Worship Leaders

During the 10:30 Service a time of lesson, crafts, games, and fellowship is offered to children in Grades K-4. This ministry is in need of leaders so the children can have this time to worship and learn about God. If you are able to help with this ministry contact Dawn.

I Scream~You Scream~We all Scream for AWANA & ICE CREAM!!!!!

We are kicking off Awana with a family fun night to register for the coming year. Join us on Wednesday, August 29th 5:30-6:30 to register for Awana, play games, meet the Awana leaders, and get a ice cream treat.

Regular Club Night begins for AGES 2 – Grade 6
Wednesday, September 5th 5:00-7:00

Q: What is Awana? A: Awana is an international, non-denominational ministry to help churches and parents to raise children and youth to know, love, and serve Christ.

Q: Who can come to Awana? Awana is an evening program that has four clubs: Puggles-Ages 2 & 3, Cubbies-Ages 4 & 5, Sparks-Grades K-2, Truth and Training-Grades 3-6.

Q: When is Awana? A: Awana begins September 5th and continues every Wednesday till March 27th.

Q: What do the kids do at Awana? A: The schedule includes: *Handbook Time*-this is the time dedicated to Bible verse memorization and application using age-appropriate handbooks. All Bible verses are taken word-for-word from the Bible. *Large Group Time*-this is the time of music, prayer and an age-appropriate Bible message is presented. Also, awards will be presented to recognize the Clubbers who complete sections in their handbooks. *Game Time*-this is a time for the Clubbers to practice teamwork and good sportsmanship by competing in fun, organized games.

Q: How can I be involved with Awana? A: The ministry of Awana can only exist with the support of the congregation and community. Please be in prayer to discover how God can use you in this children's ministry.

Following is a list and brief description of areas where you could make an eternal difference.

Director- The Club Director will assist in leading Large Group Time.

Leader- Leaders will guide their group of Clubbers to the Game Time and Large Group Time. Leaders will build relationships with their Clubbers and encourage their walk with the Lord. Leaders will assist the Clubbers during Handbook Time, helping them to work through their handbook and understand what they are learning.

Listener- Listeners are needed during Handbook Time to listen to a Clubber recite the Bible verses. Listeners are needed from 5:45-6:50 on Wednesdays.

Secretary-Keeps track of Clubbers progress, marks record cards, distributes award jewels and emblems, and collect dues.

Prayer Partner- partner with a Clubber to lift in prayer during the months of Awana.

There is a place for you to be a life changer through Awana.

Please be in prayer for this ministry.

If you love the Lord, are energetic and like being with kids, please call me!!

Do not fear, there is training for all the positions listed above.

Dawn Harris, Director of Children's Ministry 330-881-8110 dawnhnbpc@aol.com

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Super Mario VBS
July 15-19, 2018
5:15-5:45 Dinner 5:45-8:00 VBS

All children Kindergarten - Grade 6 are invited to attend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name_____Grade Completed:_____ Age:_____
Allergies: Y / N List:_____
Medical Conditions: Y / N List:_____

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How many will be attending dinner each night? Please write the number in the blank.
This is to assist with our planning. All are welcome to come even if you don't know at time of resgistering.
_____Sunday _____Monday _____Tuesday _____Wednesday _____Thursday

Parent's Name _____
Address_____
Phone Number _____ Email Address_____
Name of Home Church, if any_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO While Child Is At VBS:
Name_____ Phone Number_____
Name_____ Phone Number_____

Parents/Guardians…..are you able to help with VBS in some way if necessary? Yes( ) No( )
If you answered yes, we will contact you if we need your help. Thank you!

Complete form and mail to church or drop it off at the church office.

Register by July 8th to get a special prize!!

For more info contact Dawn Harris at 330-881-8110 or dawnhnbpc@aol.com

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Inside you will find the MOPS 2018-19 schedule and VBS information & registration form



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!
Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

9:30a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

****SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: 8:00AM – 2:00PM****

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY